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Loan for Tellicherry Municipality

*159 Q.—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar): Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether the Government have received any representation in May 1956 from the Tellicherry Municipality asking for a loan to pay its 25 per cent contribution for the schemes of preventing sea erosion in that town? 11-50 a.m.

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYACHI: No, Sir.

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN: May I know whether the Hon. Minister is aware that sea erosion is a big problem throughout Malabar and especially in Tellicherry? During certain seasons even the building of the District Court is threatened by sea erosion. In view of that, will the Government take the responsibility of bunding the sea? The Government, on previous occasions, have answered on the floor of the House that it is the responsibility of the municipality to prevent sea erosion. In view of that fact, will the Government sanction the loans asked for by the Municipality of Tellicherry and see that sea erosion is prevented?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYACHI: Whenever applications for loans come, certainly the Government will consider them. With regard to this matter, the Chief Engineer, Highways, has been having some correspondence with the municipality.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Construction of a drinking-water well for Venkaivadi Harijan Colony

10 Q.—SRI M. KATTIMUTHU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state the reasons for not finishing the construction of the drinking-water well in Venkaivadi Harijan Colony in Kallakurichi taluk yet?

A.—An estimate for Rs. 1,710 for repairing the well in R.S. No. 107-3, battai poramboke of Venkaivadi village, Kallakurichi taluk, was sanctioned by the Collector of South Arcot in June 1955. At the time of carrying out the repairs, two of the villagers objected on the ground that the well in question had been constructed by their forefathers and that the Government had no right over the well. As there are no records to prove conclusively the ownership, it is considered not desirable to spend Government money on repairs to this well. The Collector is on the look-out for a suitable place at the disposal of the Government very near the Harijan Colony and will take action to sink a new well as soon as a suitable site is fixed.

Arecanut Marketing Co-operative Society, Kumaranellur

11 Q.—SRI E. T. KUNHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the Government will place

on the table of the House a statement showing financial progress made by the Kumaranellur Arecanut Marketing Co-operative Society year by year after it began to receive the State aid?

A.—A statement[a] showing the financial progress made by the Ponnani Taluk Arecanut Processing and Marketing Society from 1950–51 is appended.

Harijan trustees

12 *Q.*—SRI M. KATTIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any Harijans have been appointed as trustees in the Vriddhachalam Palamalanathar temple; and

(*b*) if not, the reasons therefor?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) There was no application from any qualified Harijan candidate suitable for appointment as trustee.

Admission to Government Medical Colleges

13 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of applications received from the candidates belonging to the Tiruchirappalli district for admission to the Government Medical Colleges in the State;

(*b*) the number of candidates actually selected and the number of seats allotted to the Tiruchirappalli district on districtwar basis; and

(*c*) the number among the candidates selected hailing from municipal towns, semi-urban areas and rural parts?

A.—(*a*) Sixty-seven.

(*b*) Twenty seats have been allotted to the Tiruchirappalli district on districtwar basis and twenty candidates have been selected against these seats.

(*c*) The information is not easily available. The Government consider that the time and labour involved in collecting the particulars will not be commensurate with the statistics asked for.

Admission of Backward Classes into the Medical Colleges

14 *Q.*—SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of male and female candidates belonging to Backward Classes that applied for admission into the Medical Colleges in the State this year and the number of candidates that were actually selected, districtwar; and

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 68 infra.

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(*b*) the number of male and female candidates that applied and were selected from the Backward Class of Vanniyakula **Kshatriyas** in each district?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Four hundred and seventy-four candidates belonging to Backward Classes applied this year for admission to the M.B.B.S. course. Out of them, 143 candidates have been selected including those in the reserve list and those selected by merit. The number of seats reserved districtwar for Backward Classes is given below :—

Madras	3	**North Arcot**	6
Chingleput	4	**Tiruchirappalli**	6
South Arcot	6	**Salem**	7
Tanjore	6	**Coimbatore**	7
Madurai	6	**The Nilgiris**	2
Ramanathapuram	4	**Malabar**	10
Tirunelveli	5	**South Kanara**	4
		Total ...	76

All the reserved seats have been filled by candidates belonging to Backward Classes.

Information regarding the number of men and women candidates belonging to the Backward Classes including the Vanniyakula Kshatriya community, who applied and were selected from each district, is not easily available. The Government consider that the time and labour involved in collecting the information will not be commensurate with its usefulness.

Industries to be started in Malabar under Second Five-Year Plan

15 *Q.*—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the major, minor and cottage industries which the Government have proposed to start in Malabar under the Second Five-Year Plan?

A.—A list of schemes sanctioned under the First Five-Year Plan and continued during the Second Five-Year Plan period and a list [a] of the schemes proposed to be sanctioned for Malabar district under the Second Five-Year Plan are placed on the table of the House.

Dysentery and smallpox

16 *Q.*—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of persons who were affected by dysentery and smallpox in Peringom and Vayakkara amsams in Payyanur firka, North Malabar, in the months of May, June and July 1956;

(*b*) the number of persons that died; and

(*c*) the preventive measures taken by the Government?

[a] Printed on Appendix II on pages 68–70 infra.

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A.—(*a*) The number of persons who were affected by dysentery and smallpox in Peringom and Vayakkara amsams is as follows :—

	Dysentery.			Smallpox.		
	May.	June.	July.	May.	June.	July.
Peringom	26	3	..	..	9	..
Vayakkara	..	..	..	7	10	..

(*b*) The number of persons that died is as follows :—

	Dysentery.			Smallpox.		
	May.	June.	July.	May.	June.	July.
Peringom	2	..	..	..	4	..
Vayakkara	..	..	..	..	9	..

(*c*) In addition to the Range Health Inspector and two Health Assistants, an additional staff of one Special Health Inspector, two Reserve Health Assistants and two Special Temporary Health Assistants were posted for work in the two villages. One hundred and twenty-four wells were chlorinated and 108 houses were disinfected. One thousand two hundred and sixty-six sulphaguanidine tablets, 1,100 multi-vitamin tablets and 48 lb. of skim milk powder were distributed. Four hundred and fifty-two primary vaccinations and 4,302 revaccinations were performed in the villages. Propaganda talks on smallpox, dysentery and diarrhœa were also given.

Area Committee, Tiruchirappalli district

17 *Q.*—Sri K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number and the names of the members appointed to the Area Committee of Tiruchirappalli district during the year 1956–57;

(*b*) the dates when the vacancies arose and the dates of filling up of the vacancies; and

(*c*) the reasons, if any, for the delay in filling up of the vacancies?

A.—(*a*) (1) Sri V. Arunachala Thevar, President, Congress Committee, Pudukkottai.

(2) Dr. V. Subramaniam, Srirangam.

(*b*) One vacancy arose in September 1955 and the other in January 1956; both the vacancies were filled in July 1956.

(*c*) Usually appointments to Area Committees are made after obtaining the recommendations of the Commissioner, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (Administration) Department and the Collector. This naturally involves some delay in certain cases.

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